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Sen. Allen to showcase northern Michigan to CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation

LANSING – Focusing on economic development, Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, will take Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Don Jakeway on a tour of northern Michigan this Friday.

“Having Mr. Jakeway tour northern Michigan is a wonderful opportunity to highlight and promote all the economic development potential that exists,” Allen said. “We are fortunate to be able to showcase a number of projects that are benefiting or could benefit from the MEDC’s assistance.”

The focus of the tour will be to familiarize Jakeway with key development projects that are taking place in northern Michigan, especially those projects that are using MEDC programs. Northern Michigan has been very active in making use of a number of programs administered by the MEDC.

The tour will begin Friday, Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. with a tour of the Sara Lee plant in Traverse City. The trip concludes at 5 p.m. with a tour of Cheboygan, highlighting the Mariner’s Village project, with City Manager Scott McNeil.

Other stops scheduled for the trip include a stop in Mancelona to discuss planned business expansions and a sewer project, a tour of the East Jordan incubator and Main Street Center, the Boyne City incubator and industrial park, a tour of Moran Iron Works in Onaway and a tour of Great Lakes Tissue in Cheboygan.

“Northern Michigan has a number of exciting and well-planned projects being developed,” Allen said. “It is the perfect example of how economic development can help stimulate Michigan’s economy and get it moving in the right direction again.”

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